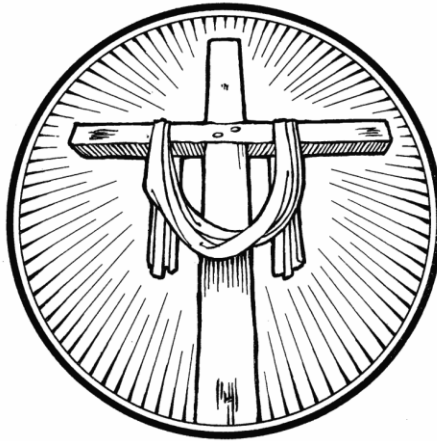


FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*



**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



## **Celebrate the Easter Triumph**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God’s Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Holy Communion:** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD AND SACRAMENT

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**HYMN.....Alleluia! Jesus Lives (CW #153)**

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



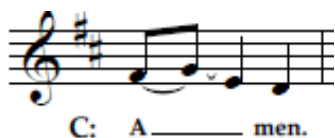
- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

### GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

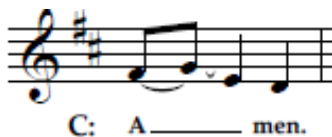


Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*BE SEATED*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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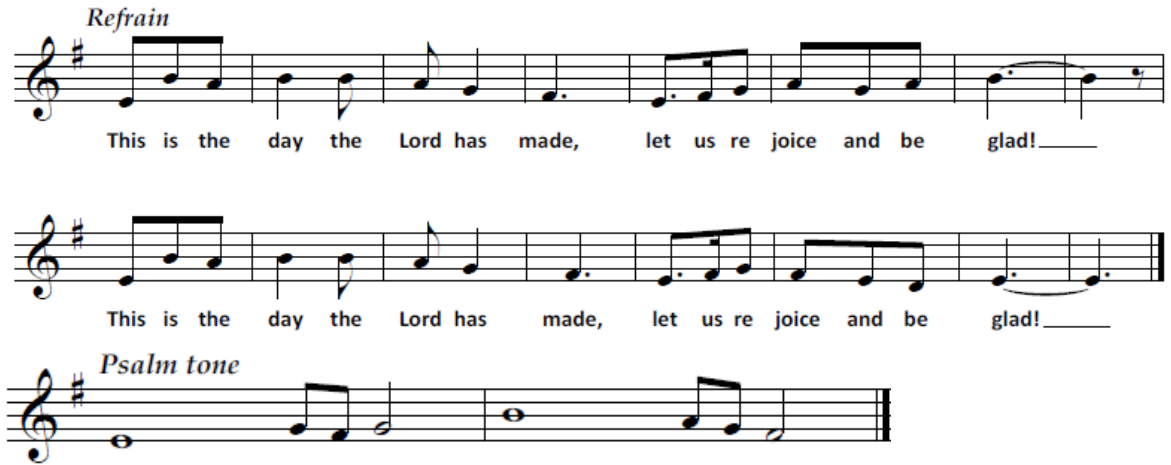


## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Acts 4:8-12

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."*

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 118



**M:** The LORD is my strength and my song;

**C:** **he has become my salvation.**

**M:** "The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

**C:** **the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"**

**M:** I will not die but live,

**C:** **and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

***Refrain***

**M:** I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

**C:** **you have become my salvation.**

**M:** The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**C:** **the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**M:** This is the day the LORD has made;

**C:** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**C:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 2:12-17

*Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me,<sup>13</sup> I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-bye to them and went on to Macedonia.<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.<sup>15</sup> For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.<sup>16</sup> To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?<sup>17</sup> Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.*



### THE VERSE OF THE DAY

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.*



*Choir: O let the house of Israel say: God's loving kindness forever will stay. As great is your mercy to us in our day, Alleluia! **Refrain.***

*Choir: When I was falling you lifted me high. You will not suffer your servant to die. So like a trumpet your praises I cry, Alleluia! **Refrain.***

*STAND*

**GOSPEL.....Luke 2:36-49**

*While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you:Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

**M:**        This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C:    Praise — be   to   you,   O   Christ!

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY.....I Am Content, My Jesus Lives Again (#158)**

**SERMON.....2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6**

***“Are You Living in Triumph or Defeat?”***

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED**

**C:**        **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was**



crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

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### OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

STAND

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, You fulfilled Your promises by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M:** In Your compassion You sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life to rescue the lost.
- C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious triumph.**
- M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to make intercession for the saints. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne singing the song of victory:
- C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

- M:** Make us instruments of Your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that You have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**
- M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers may follow*

- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

- M:** Gracious Father, You have restored to us the joy of Your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before You and say:
- C:** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**
- M:** We join in the prayer your Son has taught us:
- C:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



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# THE SACRAMENT

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**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

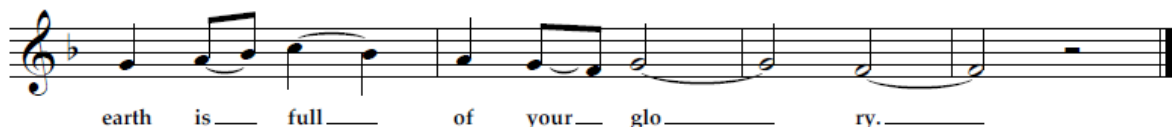
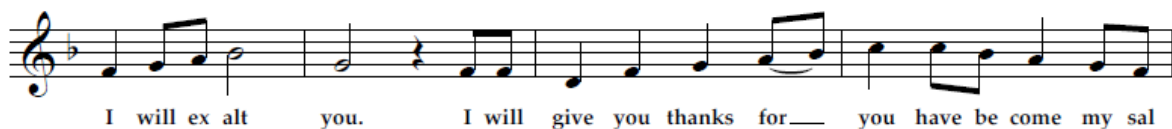
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on —

us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have

mercy on — us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A — men.

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

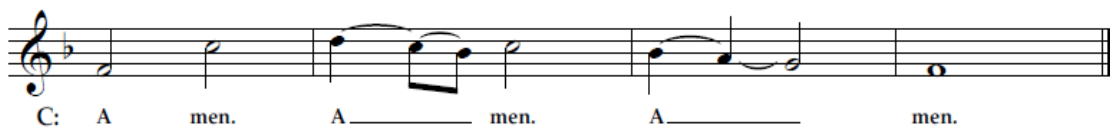
C: A — men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

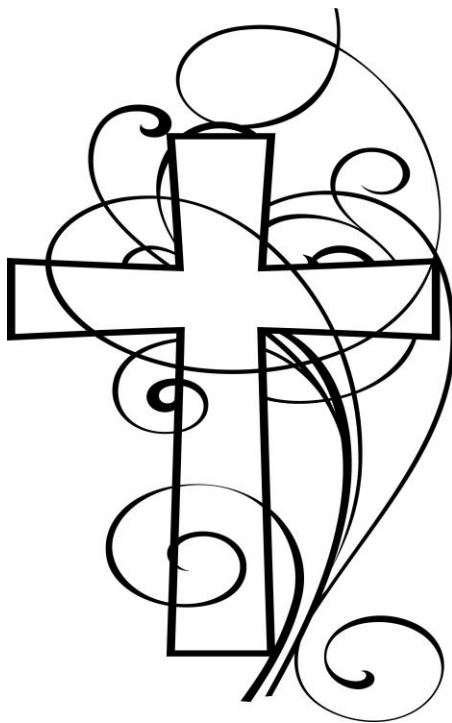
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN.....In Christ Alone (CWS # 752)**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 36; Communion: 20.  
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund: \$1235.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Tuesday (4/21):	7:00 p.m.	Bayou Servants for Christ
Friday (4/24):	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday (4/25):	8:00 a.m.	Church Work Day
Sunday (4/26):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

## **CHURCH WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY**



We will be having a work day at church this Saturday. There is much work to be done involved with closing the Learning Center as well as general upkeep of the property. We will begin at 8 a.m. Many hands make light work!

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH**



We will be having a congregational meeting following our worship on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. This important meeting will include an update on our financial situation in light of the closing of the Learning Center and the effort to sell a part of our church property as well as a discussion of the future of ministry at Cross of Glory.

## **MOTHER'S DAY AT CROSS OF GLORY**



We will be celebrating Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10th) at Cross of Glory with a special worship service honoring mothers. Following worship, we will have a reception under the walkway with cake and ice cream served by the children and the men of the congregation. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to worship and give thanks to God for the blessing of Christian mothers.